



## Financial info for students

The federal government's Consumer Financial Protection Bureau offers a wealth of financial information online—and much of it is for students.

For example, the Paying for College page has links to reliable websites for researching schools, managing money, and repaying student loans. Students can also compare financial aid options and different types of loans.

Another feature on the website is a student loan repayment assistant. Students answer a few questions about their loans, and the assistant describes several repayment options and provides links to more information about those options. There are also repayment calendars to help students plan their payment schedule.

Visit the bureau's Paying for College site at [www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college). To use the repayment assistant, see [www.consumerfinance.gov/students/repay](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/students/repay).

And to learn more about paying for college and dealing with student loan debt, see "Paying for College: Strategies to afford higher education" in the spring 2013 issue of the *Quarterly*, online at [www.bls.gov/ooq/2013/spring/art01.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/ooq/2013/spring/art01.pdf).



## OOH and My Next Move, now en español

¿Habla español? Two career resources from the U.S. Department of Labor—the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* (OOH) and the My Next Move website—are now available online in Spanish.

The *OOH en español*, published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), includes 341 occupation profiles, an overview of the 2010–20 employment projections, and more. Each occupation profile discusses what workers in that occupation do, their work environment, the typical education and training needed to enter the occupation, pay, and job outlook. The Spanish-language version of the *OOH* is online at [www.bls.gov/es/oooh](http://www.bls.gov/es/oooh).

Mi Próximo Paso, created by the National Center for O\*NET Development, is the Spanish-language version of My Next Move website. The site allows users to search hundreds of careers by keyword, browse careers by industry, or get career suggestions based on their interests. Career pages offer information about the educational requirements and skills necessary for each career as well as links to related education or certification websites. Visit Mi Próximo Paso at [www.miproximopaso.org](http://www.miproximopaso.org).

## Simplifying the job search

For some jobseekers, the number of job-search websites can be overwhelming. The website US.jobs makes it easier to look for a job by gathering hundreds of state and local job listings in one place. Jobseekers can search the listings by keyword and location.

But US.jobs, created by the National Labor Exchange, has more than job listings. Other resources for jobseekers include resume writing guidance and a directory of links to educational information. A job-search page for veterans provides links to career-building and relocation resources for men and women transitioning out of military service.

US.jobs also has a list of job fairs and other career events around the country, searchable by date and location. There's information for employers who wish to post jobs, too.

For access to all of these resources, visit [www.us.jobs](http://www.us.jobs).

## Engineering scholarships for women

Women made up less than 14 percent of architecture and engineering occupations in 2012, according to the BLS Current Population Survey. To encourage more women to enter these fields, the Society of Women Engineers offers scholarships for women to study engineering, computer science, or technology at the bachelor's or graduate degree level. Last year, it awarded nearly 200 scholarships worth a total of more than \$500,000.

The society's website has a searchable database of available scholarships that can be filtered by keyword and academic year (freshman, sophomore, and so forth). The database shows how many of each scholarship are available, for what amounts, and what the eligibility requirements are. Students may apply for scholarships directly online.

For women interested in a career in engineering or a related field, there is a lot of other information on the society's website. To browse its scholarships and other resources online, visit [societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/index.php/scholarships](http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/index.php/scholarships).



## Self-employment help: Search for government grants

Looking to start a small business of your own? Or to expand and invest in one you already have? The federal government offers grant money for these types of projects.

Grants.gov, a website managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides an easy way to search for grant opportunities. The site is a one-stop shop that allows users to find and apply for federal grants. It also has information about what types of grants are available and lists new types of opportunities that have been posted.

Users can apply for grants and track their applications directly online. Other resources for applicants include registration checklists and a guide to applying for grants.

To begin a search, visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

But with or without the help of a grant, many people start a business to turn their ideas into reality. To read about one such small-business owner who sells her own creations to people all over the world, see "You're a what? Online seller" in the spring 2013 issue of the *Quarterly*, online at [www.bls.gov/ooq/2013/spring/yawhat.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooq/2013/spring/yawhat.htm).

